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I used the early versions of Netscape and it was a good product. It made accessing the internet easier in the early years of the internet's evolution. I then purchased a new IBM computer with Windows 98 installed. Every time I accessed the internet, Windows would try to change my web browser to Internet Explorer. It was annoying to say the least. It also took extra steps to erase/delete the Explorer from my files. I think many people would just click on the "OK" button and have the browser changed, without thinking about it.

Suppressing competition is a long term project at Microsoft. Just look at Microsoft's history, even the historic operating system MS-DOS was purchased from some other company in Washington state, not developed by the people at Microsoft. The core ideas behind GUI were developed by XEROX, who didn't know how to use it to their advantage.

The government lost interest, for whatever reason, in pursuing this case to a just resolution. The punishment should be much larger than the proposals reported in the newspapers. This type of illegal activity continues to be pursued by Microsoft. Letting them donate "free" software to the schools is the stupidest idea possible. It'll probably have a security bug in it, just like Windows XP. Here's hoping you find the courage to fix this problem.